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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HIRAM WILLIAMS. GEO. COPELAND

HENRY W. HEATH.

School Committee.

WILLIAM L. CHAFFIN	Term expires	1888.
E. B. HAYWARD	" "	1889.
LINCOLN S. DRAKE	" "	1890.

Road Commissioners.

GEO. B. COGSWELL. JOHN O. DEAN.

THOMAS B. KEITH.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

DANIEL M. BAILEY.

Constables.

SAMUEL M. RENNIE. THOMAS B. KEITH.

Fence Viewers.

EDWARD D. WILLIAMS. JASON TINKHAM.

EDWARD R. HAYWARD.

Measurers of Wood.

LABAN W. DRAKE. JOEL S. DRAKE.

EDWARD R. HAYWARD.

Auditors.

GEO. W. KENNEDY. EDWARD N. MORSE.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE Selectmen of the town of Easton submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887 : —

VALUATION AS ASSESSED MAY 1, 1888.

Value of real estate,	$1,272,684 00
" " personal property,	2,328,341 00
Total	$3,608,025 00
Increase of real estate,	$28,023 00
" " personal property,	55,028 00
Total increase	$83,051 00

Rate of taxation, $7.10 on $1,000.
Number of polls, 1,116.
Poll-tax, $2.

Total tax for State, county, and town purposes,	$27,851 46

Number of dwelling-houses taxed, 776.
" acres land taxed, 15,651.
" horses taxed, 471.
" cows taxed, 463.

Total number tax-payers, 1,273.
Number persons paying a tax on property, 712.
" " " " poll-tax only, 561.

APPROPRIATIONS ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1887.

For	schools,	$8,831 68
	school books and supplies,	1,000 00
	school-house repairs,	400 00
	road repairs,	2,000 00
	" tools,	400 00
	steam heating school-house No. 7,	3,000 00
	Memorial Day,	200 00
	Brockton Sewage,	1,000 00
	discount on taxes,	1,000 00
		$17,831 68

APPROPRIATIONS NOT ASSESSED.

For	poor	$6,000 00
	incidentals,	2,000 00
	road repairs,	2,000 00
	snow,	500 00
	car fare,	200 00
	concrete crossing,	50 00
	compensation of mechanics,	400 00
		$11,150 00

State tax,	$4,950 00
County,	4,701 15
Town,	17,831 68
Overlay,	368 63
	$27,851 46

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK, ETC., AT ALMSHOUSE, DEC. 31, 1887.

21	tons English hay,	$420 00
8	" meadow hay,	80 00
100	pounds straw,	1 00
1	horse,	150 00
2	oxen,	175 00
10	cows,	450 00
1	two-year old,	25 00
3	swine,	50 00
60	fowls,	30 00
12	bushels potatoes,	12 00
7	" small potatoes,	1 75
4½	" beans,	7 87
20	" French turnips,	10 00
10	" beets,	5 00
1	" onions,	1 00
1½	" rye,	1 00
1½	" cranberries,	3 00
28	pounds butter,	8 40
4	" coffee,	1 20
12	" pork,	1 44
15	" fish,	75
2	" spice,	50
12	" tea,	5 00
7	" sugar,	50
30	" lard,	3 00
960	gallons vinegar,	192 00
80	" cider,	9 60
10	" molasses,	2 50
½	barrel soap,	2 00
	Amount carried forward,	$1,649 51

Amount brought forward,	$1,649 51
½ barrel flour,	2 87
⅔ " crackers,	2 00
7 tons coal,	60 00
20 " ice,	30 00
	$1,744 38

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Groceries,	$159 35
Flour,	98 67
Grain,	426 82
Meat,	196 37
Fish,	16 44
Other provisions,	33 04
Clothing and bedding,	83 61
Boots and shoes,	39 77
Household utensils,	26 24
Stationery,	51
Labor,	339 99
Blacksmithing,	27 60
Farming tools,	61 79
Stock,	108 70
Coal,	95 58
Seed,	10 03
Repairs,	76 89
Medicine,	9 55
Soap,	11 40
Wood,	45 00
Lumber,	4 51
Oil,	6 28
Milk,	27 72
Sundries,	4 37
Warden's salary,	450 00
Valuation, Dec. 31, 1886,	1,753 07
	$4,113 30

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

Butter,		$26 47
Milk,		810 64
Eggs,		107 32
Vegetables,		24 73
Calves,		64 10
Stock,		115 36
Labor,		45 91
Board,		6 25
Wood,		173 96
Fowls,		7 69
Cider and vinegar,		7 00
Meat,		1 40
Sundries,		8 42
Stock, etc., Dec. 31, 1887,		1,744 38
		$3,143 63
Expenditures,	$4,113 30	
Receipts,	3,143 63	
Balance against Almshouse,		$969 67

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Name.	Age.	Weeks in Almshouse.
Timothy Crudon,	—	52
Matthew Welch,	—	52
C. F. Williams,	55	52
Charles M. Randall,	55	52
John E. Jackson,	20	33
Clarence E. Dickerman,	13	49
William H. French,	11	19
Elsie French,	37	52
Sarah E. Leonard,	33	36
Alfred O. Leonard,	3	36

Name.	Age.	Weeks in Almshouse.
Etta M. Leonard,	2	36
Nellie Riordan,	17	14
John F. Riordan,	—	14
Barney McCourt,	10	52
Ada M. Randall,	35	52
Matthew Noonan,	54	17
Susan Ripner,	77	2
Michael Penwin,	17	1
Edward Hanigan,	68	1
James Ramsdell,	35	11
Whole number for year,		20
Males,		14
Females,		6
Average number for year,		$12\frac{9}{52}$
Discharged,		7
Died,		3
Now in almshouse,		10
Average cost per week above income of farm,		$1 54
Number of tramps,		335
Estimated cost of tramps,		$67

EXPENSES OF POOR OUTSIDE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital —		
For John W. Marshall,	$180 21	
" John P. O'Connell,	175 07	
" Daniel B. Blaisdell,	178 13	
" Albert W. Phillips,	186 43	
" Matthew Campion,	82 56	
" Patrick Ready,	127 64	
" William Mahoney,	14 66	
		$944 70
Amount carried forward,		$944 70

Amount brought forward,		$944 70
For Michael Coughlan and family,		
Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$175 21	
" City of Boston,	64 71	
		239 92
For Matthew Campion's family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	$60 00	
From treasury,	60 00	
		120 00
For Mrs. Patrick Reynolds,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		60 00
For Mrs. Bessie Coney and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	$108 11	
" J. C. Goward,	7 00	
		115 11
For Mrs. Margaret Sweeney and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		60 00
For Mrs. Timothy Healy and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		72 00
For Mrs. David O'Connors and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		60 00
For Matthias Connely and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		36 00
For Ellen Welch,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		36 00
Amount carried forward,		$1,743 73

Amount brought forward,		$1,743 73
For Thomas Tracy,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	$48 36	
" Charles Carr,	10 86	
" Withington & Co.,	2 10	
" William Lordan,	2 00	
" Edward McMullen,	2 00	
" E. R. Hayward,	1 50	
		66 82
For Mrs. Margaret Harrigan,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$48 00	
" Charles Carr,	13 00	
" F. L. Ames,	2 50	
		63 50
For Mrs. Nicholas Murphy,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$12 00	
" Charles Carr,	3 67	
		15 67
For Bridget Powers,		
Paid J. C. Goward,		51 50
For Matthew Noonan,		
Paid Bridget Conroy,	$15 00	
" Withington & Co..	1 60	
		16 60
For Mrs. Bridget O'Connell,		
Paid F. Middleton & Co.,	$36 00	
" J. C. Goward,	3 50	
" E. R. Hayward,	3 00	
		42 50
Amount carried forward,		$2,000 32

Amount brought forward,		$2,000 32
For Mrs. James O'Brien,		
Paid F. Middleton & Co.,	$35 00	
" O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	8 64	
" J. C. Goward,	3 50	
		47 14
For Mrs. Annie Reehill and family,		
Paid F. Middleton & Co.,	$57 00	
" From treasury,	30 00	
		87 00
For Paul Richardson's family,		
Paid F. L. Ames,		16 38
For John Sloan,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	$7 61	
" J. O. Dean & Co.,	8 75	
		16 36
For Lawrence Cronan,		
Paid F. Middleton & Co.,		25 50
For Mrs. Susan Clark and family,		
Paid P. H. Pierce & Co.,		104 00
For Susan Bonney,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,		26 00
For Paschal Allen,		
Paid John O. Dean & Co.,		16 00
For Charles W. Randall,		
Paid Elbridge Williams,	$78 00	
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	7 34	
		85 34
Amount carried forward,		$2,424 04

Amount brought forward,		$2,424 04
For John Kerley and family,		
Paid Drake & Crooker,	$72 00	
" Lincoln & Kimball,	20 75	
		92 75
For E. W. Chamberlain,		
Paid Cobb, Bates & Yerxa,		6 00
For Fred W. Fowler and family,		
Paid Randolph,		247 29
For Fred W. Fowler, Jr.,		
Paid Randolph,		77 75
For Mary A. Evans,		
Paid Leroy T. Evans,		110 57
For Susan Ripner,		
Paid Mrs. C. F. Lothrop,	$3 00	
" Mrs. Louisa Nickerson,	3 00	
		6 00
For Azael O. Randall,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,		6 50
For William Blanchard,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,		2 25
For N. B. Lincoln,		
Paid Robert Porter,		4 00
For James H. Walker,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	$4 75	
" W. H. Andrews,	2 00	
		6 75
For Mrs. Sarah E. Leonard,		
Paid from treasury,		73 75
For Henry A. White and family,		
Paid Taunton,	$2 00	
" Norton,	2 00	
		4 00
Amount carried forward,		$3,061 65

Amount brought forward,		$3,061 65
For Allen Brothers,		
Paid Frank C. Wade,		52 00
For Warren F. Smith,		
Paid City of Fitchburg,	$73 80	
" Withington & Co.,	50	
		74 30
For Hiram Thayer and family,		
Paid Weymouth,		16 50
For Charles E. Tirrell family,		
Paid Salem,		21 69
For Mrs. Abby Ripley and family,		
Paid Plymouth,		46 00
For Mrs. Caroline T. Foster and family,		
Paid Duxbury,		24 00
For Patrick Degnan,		
Paid Brockton,		84 00
For Mary McCool and family,		
Paid Brockton,		78 00
For John Bailey,		
Paid Brockton,		25 25
For Robert L. Watts family,		
Paid Boston,		73 00
For Mrs. Hannah Murry and family,		
Paid Boston,		26 51
For Michael Cunningham,		
Paid Boston,		36 00
For Mrs. Samuel Cook,		
Paid Boston,		2 00
Amount carried forward,		$3,620 90

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Amount brought forward,		$3,620 90
For Mrs. Alfred Gibbs and family, Bourne,		
Paid J. C. Goward		104 00
For Sally Henrys, Raynham,		
Paid Frank C. Wade,	$52 00	
" John O. Dean,	4 25	
		56 25
For Elbridge G. Lincoln, Taunton,		
Paid W. H. Andrews,		24 00
For Sylvina G. Beal, Hanson,		
Paid Mrs. Laura A. Bailey,	$177 42	
" Dr. Tilden,	52 00	
		229 42
For Mrs. John Carey and child, Randolph,		
Paid Mrs. Lavina McDavitt,		78 00
Paid for poor outside of almshouse,		$4,112 57
Balance against almshouse,		969 67
		$5,082 24
Appropriations of town for poor,	$6,000 00	
Received and due from other towns,	491 67	
		6,491 67
Unexpended,		$1,409 43

SHADE TREES.

Balance unexpended from 1886,	$1,757 47
Amount expended in 1887,	802 85
Unexpended,	$954 62

HIRAM WILLIAMS,
GEORGE COPELAND,
HENRY W. HEATH,
Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

LIST OF JURORS

AS MADE OUT BY THE SELECTMEN.

Julius D. Atwood.
Horace H. Alger.
Henry D. Buck.
James M. Belcher.
Edgar F. Belcher.
Lorenzo B. Crockett.
Thomas H. Dean.
Joel S. Drake.
Daniel J. Dineen.
Levi Fitton.
Philander W. Fecto.
Willard K. Goward.
Edwin T. Goward.
Samuel W. Gardner.
Norman A. Ghen.
Andrew N. Grady.
Edwin D. Howard.
Miranda Howard.
William C. Howard.
Edward R. Hayward.
Horace W. Jones.
George F. King.
Daniel C. Lillie.
Thomas H. Marshall.
Isaac L. Miller.
Henry D. Newton.
Alfred F. Pratt.
Frederick Packard.
Irving Packard.
Horace D. Purington.
Benjamin A. Russell.
E. William Randall.
Michael F. Reynolds.
William F. Staples.
Elijah Smith.
George W. Sylvester.
Maurice D. Schindler.
John Welch.
George E. Williams.
Hiram Williams.
William F. White.
William M. Wills.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

HIRAM WILLIAMS,		
Services as selectman, etc.,	$263 75	
Conveyance,	51 20	
Cash expenses,	13 19	
		$328 14
GEO. COPELAND,		
Services as selectman, etc.,	$186 50	
Conveyance,	39 53	
Cash expenses,	3 15	
		229 18
H. W. HEATH,		
Services as selectman, etc.,	$129 75	
Conveyance,	40 65	
Cash expenses,	2 10	
		172 50
GEO. G. WITHINGTON,		
Services and expenses as town clerk, treasurer, and registrar of voters,		175 00
GEO. A. LACKEY,		
Services as registrar of voters,		15 00
A. MORTON HAYWARD,		
Services as registrar of voters,		15 00
JULIUS D. ATWOOD,		
Services as registrar of voters,		15 00
GEO. B. COGSWELL,		
Services as road commissioner,		100 00
Amount carried forward,		$1,049 82

Amount brought forward,	$1,049 82
THOMAS B. KEITH,	
Services as road commissioner,	110 00
JOHN O. DEAN,	
Services as road commissioner,	32 00
SAMUEL M. RENNIE,	
Services as constable,	30 00
DANIEL M. DAILEY,	
Sealer of weights and measures,	25 00
	$1,246 82

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1887.

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 10	Mary O'Connell	F.	Dennis W. and Lizzie.
" 10	Elton W. Brooks	M.	Wm. F. and Luella J.
" 13	Anne Robinson	F.	William and Annie F.
" 23	Caroline A. B. Holmblad .	F.	Emil and Clara J.
" 25	Helen Isabel Keith . . .	F.	Frank P. and Susan E.
" 25	Carl Gottfried Tornell . .	M.	Charles and Alma C.
" 27	Harry Ansel Rice	M.	Earnest L. and Ellen R.
" 28	Vernon Curtis King . . .	M.	Henry W. and Adella F.
" 30	Julia Burke	F.	Richard and Annie.
Feb. 1	Arthur F. Anderson . . .	M.	August and Lottie.
" 2	Arthur T. Howard . . .	M.	Arthur G. and Harriet E.
" 4	Daniel J. Kelley	M.	Daniel and Margaret.
" 7	Mary Veronica Long . . .	F.	John F. and Winnifred B.
" 8	Evars Nathaniel Anderson .	M.	AndrewB. and Augusta F.
" 8	Fred Guild Dana	M.	George E. and Nettie P.
" 9	Leo McEvoy Harlow . . .	M.	Hugh and Mary A.
" 19	Ellen Powers	F.	James and Mary E.
" 24	John William Holmes . .	M.	John B. and Florence N.
" 24	John E. W. Rohdin . . .	M.	John A. and Christine.
" 26	—— Scott	F.	Charles and Martha.
March 2	Roy E. Wilson	M.	Jesse C. and Emma L.
" 5	Kate Menton	F.	Thomas and Annie.
" 8	Bertram G. Keith	M.	George E. and Emma E.
" 17	Catherine P. Bryson . . .	F.	James D. and Mary A.
" 24	Howard B. Baldwin . . .	M.	Freeman F. and Lena B.
" 26	William E. Morris . . .	M.	John and Ellen.
" 27	—— Mulhearn	F.	Mary.
April 3	Grace Geddes	F.	George and Isabella.
" 5	Susan Derby	F.	Patrick F. and Mary A.
" 6	—— Ledin	M.	August and Hannah.
" 7	Mildred S. Drake	F.	Lincoln S. and Ellen M.
" 7	Charles H. Randall . . .	M.	Azel O. and Helen M.
" 10	Anna Catherine Downey .	F.	Patrick and Anna.
" 10	Francis Henry Simpson .	M.	Phillip and Mary.
" 10	—— Conroy	F.	Morgan and Abbie.
" 10	Mary Ann Hanrahan . . .	F.	Patrick and Abby.
" 21	Agnes Cunningham . . .	F.	James and Bridget.
" 23	Wallace S. Gilmore . . .	M.	Edwin and Isabella M.
" 25	John William Cotter . . .	M.	Timothy and Ellen.
" 27	William J. Nagle	M.	Patrick and Annie M.
May 4	—— Gibbs	M.	George A. and Hattie E.
" 7	John James Desmond . .	M.	Michael and Julia.
" 17	Louis E. Louzon	M.	Evangeliste and Mary.
" 18	Ethel Winnifred Wade . .	F.	Royal H. and Anna F.
" 19	Alfred Lunn Evans . . .	M.	Alphonzo E. and Anna L.
" 24	Dorothy Davis	F.	George K. and Anna.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1887. — *Continued.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
May 25	John Lawrence Dailey . .	M.	Jeremiah M. and Kate E.
" 27	Jennie Reed	F.	Joseph and Sarah A.
June 9	—— Travers	F.	Edward and Hannah.
" 11	Ethel Dora Blood	F.	Eugene W. and Johanna.
" 14	Cornelius Riley	M.	Cornelius and Hannah.
" 27	Susan Johnson Rollins . .	F.	George J. and Grace J.
" 27	—— Howe	F.	Willis and Elizabeth.
July 11	Ethel May Millett	F.	Robert and Mary J.
" 12	William Francis Nagle . .	M.	John and Bridget M.
" 14	—— Williams	M.	Henry M. and Lucy A.
" 21	Annie Moran	F.	Patrick and Hannah.
" 23	Alfred Richard Cook . . .	M.	Charles and Charlotte.
" 27	Paul Franklin Dean . . .	M.	John F. and Mary S.
Aug. 13	Arthur Louzon	M.	Andre and Anastasia.
" 16	—— Johnson	M.	Andrew and Clara.
" 17	John Kelleher	M.	Michael and Mary
" 19	Mary Ann Cahill	F.	Daniel F. and Annie
" 20	Catherine M. Bradley . .	F.	James and Mary Ann.
" 28	Christina Grant	F.	James and Jessie.
Sept. 4	John Noland	M.	John and Elizabeth A.
" 12	Lizzie Catherine Malloy . .	F.	John and Mary.
" 26	Matilda Dunbar	F.	Channing F. and Jennie.
" 27	Daniel F. Linnehan . . .	M.	John J. and Nora T.
" 27	Leon Elsworth Erskine . .	M.	Christopher and Susan A.
" 29	Daniel Freeman	M.	Cyrus A. and Julia A.
" 30	James Leroy Bruce . . .	M.	James and Lizzie.
Oct. 9	—— Furlong	F.	Michael and Kate.
" 14	Nora O'Connor	F.	Patrick and Mary.
" 20	James Vaughan	M.	Thomas and Ellen.
" 23	Margaret Ellen Campion .	F.	Patrick and Mary A.
" 26	Marion Rhoda Hurst . . .	F.	James H. and Lizzie P.
" 28	Abby S. Benson	F.	Lars and Mary.
Nov. 5	—— Churchill	F.	Alfred G. and Ada.
" 6	Olive May Heath	F.	Amasa C. and Lydia W.
" 7	Margaret Maria Butler . .	F.	Michael and Hannah.
" 11	Mary Agnes Welch . . .	F.	Daniel and Mary.
" 13	Geo. Webster Burnham . .	M.	George T. and Irene E.
" 14	Anna Leonora Leroy . . .	F.	John and Mary E.
" 15	William McFarland . . .	M.	John F. and Catherine F.
" 23	Grace Amber Codding . .	F.	Lewis B. and Annie F.
" 27	James Joseph Noland . .	M.	Peter and Sarah J.
Dec. 2	—— Ebbs	F.	Edward and Mary.
" 5	George Lewis Howard . .	M.	George T. and Emma J.
" 14	—— Anderson	F.	John A. and Sophia C.
" 17	—— Newcomb	M.	George E. and Annie M.
" 20	John Thomas Skelly . . .	M.	Thomas J. and Mary A.
" 17	Iola Beula Nicholson . . .	F.	Andrew and Matilda.
" 23	Julia Ann Leary	F.	Timothy and Margaret.
" 30	—— Baldwin	F.	Joseph W. and Emma J.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1887.

DATE.	NAMES AND RESIDENCES.
Jan. 15.	Clayton Packard and Harriet E. Wade, both of Easton.
" 19.	James W. Powers and Mary E. Donavan, both of Easton.
" 20.	George F. Richardson and Margaret Cahill, both of Easton.
" 27.	John F. McFarland and Catherine F. Twohig, both of Easton.
Feb. 4.	Jacob S. Ward and Anne E. Smith, both of Middletown, R. I.
" 8.	Thomas Vaughan and Ellen Rich, both of Easton.
" 15.	John J. Clonan and Catherine F. Long, both of Easton.
" 22.	Peter F. Maliff and Catherine M. Corley, both of Easton.
M'ch 13.	Thomas B. Menton, of Brockton, and Annie A. Mulligan, of Easton.
" 15.	Edward B Swift, of Easton, and Mary J. Cole, of Raynham.
" 17.	Charles S. Coldwell, of Easton, and Nettie L. Chesley, of East Boston.
" 23.	Allan C. Packard and Jeannette N. Burrill, both of Easton.
Apr. 13.	William A. Hall, of Brockton, and Jessie Bird, of Easton.
" 16.	Charles H. Smith, of Easton, and Ida G. Morse, of Brockton.
" 29.	Charles A. Nilsson and Amelia Johnson, both of Easton.
" 29.	Lars Benson and Mary Johnson, both of Easton.
June 7.	Robert C. Hooper, of Boston, and Helen A. Ames, of Easton.
" 21.	Frederic Quinn, of Easton, and Elizabeth Fagin, of Taunton.
" 23.	Edgar F. Belcher and Julia L. Rankin both of Easton.
" 30.	Charles H. Trow, of Boston, and Margaret S Birnie, of Easton.
July 9.	George T. Howard and Emma Phillips, both of Easton.
" 11.	Jeremiah Joyce, of Brockton, and Nellie Moinehan, of Easton.
" 30.	James H. Leighton and Flora E. Gibbs, both of Easton.
Aug. 2.	John Richardson, of Easton, and Anna Hogan, of Boston.
" 3.	Edgar F. Buck, of Mansfield, and Myra A. Wade, of Easton.
" 4	Thomas F. O'Keefe, of Brockton, and Ellen E. Hughes, of Easton.
Sept. 14.	Amos S. Ells and Octavia T. Newcomb, both of Easton.
Oct. 6.	Murty Riordan and Margaret Lucey, both of Easton.
" 13.	Edward F. McNabb and Margaret A. McEvoy, both of Easton.
" 16.	Fred B. Littlefield, of Easton, and Rhoda M Carr, of Maine.

Date.	Names and Residences.
Oct. 22.	Nils Anderson and Augusta Gustafson, both of Easton.
" 24.	Wm. F. Randall, of Easton, and Lula A. Hollis, of Whitman.
Nov. 10.	Owen McKenna and Ellen Donahue, both of Easton,
" 10.	George H. Young, of Easton, and Emma P. Blomberg, of Brockton.
" 22.	James Murphy, of Indiana, and Bridget McMullen, of Easton.
" 22.	Michael J. Mulligan, of Easton, and Mary E. Truax, of Brockton.
" 24.	John A. Brownell, of Taunton, and H. Evelyn Dickerman, of Easton.
Dec. 9.	Augustus Larsson and Anna B. Anderson, both of Easton.
" 20.	Caleb T. Lovell, of Hyde Park and Sarah F. Dickerman, of Easton.
" 29.	S. Preston Ramsdell and Ora A. Randall, both of Easton.
Aug. 16, 1886.	John Clapp and Mary Frawley, both of Brockton.

Whole number 41

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1887.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
Jan. 4	Richard T. Burke	71	1	8	Pneumonia.
" 7	Joseph W. Lincoln	6	5	3	Meningitis.
" 8	James Hefferman	63	9	..	Phthisis Pulm.
" 26	Nancy C. Spencer	75	..	..	Pneumonia.
Feb. 7	Rufus Willis	75	11	19	Pneumonia.
" 16	George Goodridge	88	8	9	Old Age.
Mar. 4	Robert Mullen	29	..	15	Heart Disease.
" 6	Katie Menton	..	..	1	Inanition.
" 18	Mary Galvin	30	..	..	Consumption.
" 20	Guilford C. Newcomb	71	1	13	Disease of Liver.
" 28	Caleb Carr	89	8	14	Pneumonia.
" 29	Eliza Wills	72	..	..	Disease of Brain.
Apr. 7	Grace Geddes	..	..	4	Inanition.
" 25	Annie M. Gilliott	13	11	..	Consumption.
May 10	Susan Ripner	77	..	..	Old Age.
"	Aaron Hurst	73	10	8	Bright's Disease.
" 23	George W. Reed	34	8	11	Consumption.
" 27	John C. Riordan	..	11	21	Meningitis.
June 1	Emeline Chace	78	..	9	Dropsy.
" 6	Harvey A. Morse	3	10	8	Convulsions.
" 11	Annie King	27	9	4	Sudden Death.
" 15	Mary A. McDonald	70	1	22	Disease of Liver.
July 4	Mary Creeden	67	..	..	Pulmonary Apoplexy.
" 10	Thomas Tracey	75	..	..	Consumption.
" 15	Seneca Buck	85	6	5	Paralysis.
Aug. 5	Honora Cahill	65	..	..	Cholera Morbus.
" 12	Catherine Jackson	15	..	2	Typhoid Fever.
" 17	Samuel Simpson	81	5	6	Paralysis.
" 21	Willard Lothrop	81	8	12	Œdema of Brain.
" 26	John J. Jackson	23	9	..	Typhoid Fever.
Sept. 4	Alfred R. Cook	..	1	15	Cholera Infantum.
" 10	Daniel O'Leary	9	3	..	Consumption.
" 14	Patrick Murphy	50	..	..	Consumption.
" 27	Carl G. Tornell	..	8	2	Consumption.
" 30	Jason Tinkham	72	..	13	Heart Disease.
Oct. 2	Frances H. Allen	24	7	12	Diabetes.
" 12	Joseph Barrows	73	9	14	Paralysis of Heart.
" 29	—— Diamond	..	..	..	Stillborn.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1887. — *Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
Nov. 25	Sylvia S. Hayward . .	75	9	15	Paralysis.
" 30	John Harlow	28	4	..	Diabetis.
Dec. 7	John Cavanaugh . . .	50	..	..	Consumption.
" 17	Jason Willis	83	6	1	Senile Debility.
" 23	Mercy Randall . . .	82	8	15	Heart Disease.
" 25	Sarah Mayall	67	9	16	Acute Peritonitis.
" 28	—— Newcomb . . .	..	..	11	Heart, valve insufficiency.
" 29	Cormick Quinn . . .	73	9	11	Paralysis.

Whole number of deaths, 46.

SUMMARY.

BIRTHS		96	
Both parents of native birth,			43
Both parents of foreign birth,			45
Ireland,	25		
Sweden,	10		
England,	2		
Scotland,	2		
Provinces,	1		
Father only of foreign birth,			5
Ireland,	4		
Provinces,	1		
Mother only of foreign birth,			2
Ireland,	2		
Father's birth unknown,			1
MARRIAGES		40	
Both of native birth,			26
Both of foreign birth,			11
Ireland,	5		
Sweden,	4		
Provinces,	2		
Native and foreign birth,			3
DEATHS		46	
Of native birth,			31
Of foreign birth,			15

NAMES OF OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS

LICENSED IN EASTON FROM MAY 1, 1887, TO MAY 1, 1888.

Geo. G. Withington.
Charles H. Shaw.
C. W. Smith.
Geo. G. Smith (2).
Katie E. Dean.
H. Y. Mitchell.
Charles F. Lothrop.
Lucius Howard.
Dennison S. Drew.
Walter Cropper.
Dennis Sweeney.
M. F. Maloy.
Wm. J. Twohig.
Geo. L. Howard.
Charles Chapman.
Sarah A. Read.
Frank Belcher.
Joseph W. Calef.
A. Curtis Wade.
Dennis Sullivan.
Dennis Donahue.
C. B. Carr.
Geo. Carr (2).
John Gardner.
Geo. B. Cogswell.
William L. Chaffin.
Florence Riordan.
William T. Gibbs.
John Flannagan.
Charles Scott.
Frank C. Wade.
Edwin Gilmore.
Howard Gilmore.
James C. Tabor.
Thomas B. Keith (2).
Charles Lawson.
A. F. Pratt.
James Dermody.
Axel Jeppson.
Ezra R. Wilbur.
Forest M. Webster.
Elbridge G. Lincoln.
James Rankin.
C. T. Riordan.
Geo. A. Gibbs.
H. Percy Thayer.
Peter Fisher.
Thomas E. Williams.
D. L. Randall.
Joseph G. Newcomb (2).

Alfonzo E. Evans.
Asahel Smith.
Lewis F. Phillips.
Linus B. Manning.
John F. Moinehan.
Chas. W. Chipperfield.
Andrew F. Anderson.
Horatio N. Manning.
Henry I. Drake.
Nelson Tallman.
Geo. E. Dana.
Monroe F. Williams.
Geo. K. Davis.
Richard Burke.
Wm. E. Tune.
E. P. Spooner.
Geo. H. Andrews.
Francis Middleton.
Jeremiah Lyons.
Miriam G. Dowden.
Oliver A. Day.
Cornelius Riordan.
John Maloy.
J. Henry Hurst.
James H. Leighton.
Helen S. Andrews.
Charles F. Monk.
Geo. Copeland.
Joel S. Drake.
William T. Nye.
John Sharp.
Wm. C. Howard.
A. S. B. Lothrop.
W. E. Drake.
Fred. Packard.
Geo. A. Lackey.
T. J. Fitzpatrick.
Michael J. Twomey.
Henry F. Frost.
Wm. H. Keenan.
Thomas F. Ladd.
Chas. H. Maguire.
H. P. Childs.
Denis J. Sheehan.
H. N. Billington.
Charles T. Wade.
Cornelius Harvey.
James Mayall.
Thomas F. Sullivan.
Geo. N. Blanchard.
E. T. Goward.
Edward N. Morse.
Jeremy Lake.
Martin D. Willis.
Lucius Darling.
Eugene M. Blood.
John H. Daley (2).
Henry W. Heath.
W. K. Goward.
Willis J. Flagg.
Hugh Mullen.
William Gray.
John O'Hanlon.
Nathan Randall.
Elmer Monk.
Francis Whitten.
Oren F. Lincoln, Jr.
Charles H. Reed.

Oscar B. Randall.
Geo. W. Kennedy.
Thomas Greaves.
Jas. H. Murphy.
Geo. L. Kimball.
Michael Riordan.
John Ervin.
John Morris.
Wm. J. Cliborn.
John Moinehan.
Everett A. Randall.
Mrs. Merrill A. Tyler.
Dominic F. Kelleher.
E. M. Stone.
Maud L. Hayward.
Robert Birnie.
Frank H. Maliff.
Edw. R. Hayward.
James Donavan.
Edgar F. Belcher.
Dennis Burke.
Frank Carr.
John Flood.
Peter McDermott.
Albert H. Eldredge (2).
J. F. Goward.
Robert Davis.
Ira R. Bailey.
John F. Lincoln.
Charles H. King.
Geo. N. Bailey.
John McEntee.
John Cahill.
Luther Smith.
Geo. J. Rollins (2).
Bartholomew Proctor.
Gardner Blandin.
J. C. Goward (2).
W. P. Drew.
Nelson M. Randall.
Edw. N. Fisher.
Levi C. Randall.
Thomas M. James.
Thomas Bean.
Charles E. Randall.
Geo. E. Newcomb.
A. R. Lincoln.
Jeremiah Dailey.
Chas. S. Packard.
Wm. P. Packard.
Warren S. Rice.
Orion M. Wells.
Mrs. M. A. Dows.
Ira Gardner.
Geo. G. Hayes.
Lorestan Snell.
J. F. Lyons.
John F. Dean.
Samuel Atwood.
John E. Collins (2).
Harry Cole.
Geo. W. Eldredge.
Dean F. Ramsdell.
Emma F. Smith.
Joseph A. Randall.
Frank P. Keith.
Geo. F. F. Wilde (2).
James E. Simpson.

James C. Wade.
Henry W. King.
Robert Millett.
Frank C. Pratt.
Oliver Lindquist.
James R. Mackay.
Mary H. Williams.
James T. Walker.
Hobart Ames (2).
Timothy Leary.
James Bruce.
Gardner White.
Charles A. Knapp.
Michael Devlin.
Emrick Grundburg.
R. H. Leonard.
W. B. Drew.
Thomas Donahue.
Geo. S. Smith.
Daniel Belcher.
John Burns.
John M. Wells.
Henry A. Phillips.
Roger S. Howard.
D. Fred. Clark.
Eustis K. Clapp.
Thaddeus A. Coldwell.
David S. Carpenter.
William A. Flynn.
Elmer O. Barnes.
Frank Ripley.
Joseph Lavender.
Arthur C. Hale.
Martin E. Henshaw.
Jabez Mayall (2).
Charles F. Riordan.
Geo. F. Lunn.
Dennis Connell.
Jona. W. Keith.
T. H. McCarthy.
Fred. K. Belcher.
B. F. Galligan.
Wm. D. Higgins.
Alfonzo F. Gooch.
Andrew N. Grady.
William Twohig.
John N. Lufkin.
Hosea R. Wade.
M. J. Twomey.
Wm. E. Staples.
Charles Watts.
Charles E. Leshure.
Luther F. Smith.
Patrick Nagle.
W. N. Howes.
W. E. Jones (7).
F. W. Tileston.
Zechariah Snell.
Daniel Lyons.
Angela McCready.
John Reilly.
Henry L. Howard.
Alexander Murray.
Francis Homes.
Cyrus Alger.
Fred. L. Wells.
Michael Cunningham.
Oliver Ames 2d (3).

Daniel McDonald.
William Irvin.
James Grant, Jr.
Asa T. Newcomb.
William Lordan.
Mary A. Smith.
John Eddy.
Martin H. Willis.
John F. Callahan.
Edward Finley.
F. E. Tilden.
Jeremiah Murphy.
John G. Johnston.
Clinton B. Webster.
Peter McGleney.
John Wells.
William Robinson.
Robert Orrell.
Peter Conroy.
Frank C. Taylor (3).
Ada M. Dean.
J. B. Williams (2).
Wm. J. McCombe.
James Readdy.
Timothy J. Cramer.
Jesse C. Wilson.
James Barrett.
Philip Fagan.
Geo. C. Belcher.
Dennis Sweeney.
Samuel W. Hall.
James Cahill.

Whole number 310

GEO. G. WITHINGTON,
Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON, *in account with*

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Treasurer.*

Cr. CASH RECEIVED.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1,	$9,682 57	
Uncollected taxes,	760 00	
		$10,442 57
Income of Ames bequests,		8,000 00
From National Bank of Easton, loan,		5,938 00
Assessors' tax list,		28,242 82
Commonwealth corporation tax,	$14,107 47	
Commonwealth corporation tax, Balance of 1886,	751 84	
National Bank tax,	2,906 14	
State aid,	1,292 25	
Indigent soldiers' aid,	240 00	
Support of State paupers,	34 25	
Burial " " "	10 00	
Income of "School Fund,"	52 28	
		19,394 23
From County Treasurer, "Dog Fund,"		565 67
" Aid to poor refunded,		222 40
" Tuition in High School,		48 00
" Pedlers' licenses,		30 00
Amount carried forward,		$72,883 69

Amount brought forward,	$72,883 69
From Geo. G. Withington & Co., 6th class license,	1 00
Rent of Evans Place,	16 81
Sale of second-hand furnace,	30 00
O. Ames, for shade trees,	1,000 00
Use of Town Hall,	15 00
Sale of oxen, account of Road Department,	175 50
North Easton Village District, account of Road Department,	20 62
John O. Dean, account of 1886, of Road Department,	183 55
J. C. Goward, account of Road Department,	110 00
Geo. C. Belcher,	1 75
F. Maliff,	10 50
O. C. R. R. Co.,	556 37
John Gay,	2 25
Joel S. Drake,	2 40
City of Taunton,	37 00
" " Brockton,	2 50
Town of Raynham,	8 25
" " Randolph,	84 86
" " Hanson,	229 42
" " Bourne,	104 00
" " Mansfield,	224 37
O. Ames Memorial Hall Association,	50 00
	$75,749 84

Dr. CASH PAID.

For State tax,	$4,950 00
National Bank tax,	364 17
Note at National Bank of Easton,	6,000 00
County tax,	4,701 15
Discount on taxes,	1,694 57
Printing town reports, 1886,	145 60
Taxes remitted,	89 74
Care of Town Hall,	32 18
Work at Town Hall,	45 64
Furnishing Town Hall,	487 03
Oil and fuel at Town Hall,	15 87
Fence at Town Hall,	159 49
Teachers' wages,	11,261 52
Salary of W. C. Bates, Superintendent,	904 00
Care of schoolhouses,	691 43
Fuel for schoolhouses,	796 13
School repairs,	891 05
" text-book account,	931 12
" supplies and sundries,	984 60
Car fare of High School pupils,	176 77
Steam heat in schoolhouse No. 7,	2,969 16
Bills of town officers,	1,246 82
Collecting, recording, indexing, and returning births, marriages, and deaths,	60 60
Collecting North Easton Village tax,	34 78
Paying State aid,	18 74
Undertakers' returns of deaths,	9 75
Physicians' returns of births,	20 00
Expenses of almshouse,	650 93
Warden's salary for 1885 and 1886,	850 00
Medical attendance on poor,	100 00
Amount carried forward,	$4,128 89

Amount brought forward,		$41,282 84
For Outside poor,		4,372 85
Road repairs, 1887,	$7,801 55	
" " previous year,	899 62	
		8,701 17
Road tools,		202 07
Clearing roads of snow,		188 47
Guide-board posts,		6 50
Memorial Day,		150 00
Lock-up,		5 55
Expenses in sewage hearing,		564 00
Bill of H. J. Fuller, legal services,		72 00
" " Wm. H. Fox, " "		2 00
Fees for certifying State aid and other returns,		10 50
Expense of liquor prosecutions,		24 00
Express charges,		2 65
Printing,		57 65
Shade trees,		802 85
Pumps,		22 54
E. B. Hayward's surveys and plans,		94 58
Main Street crossing and schools,		39 47
Chas. H. Reed, deeds, etc.,		9 25
Samuel M. Rennie, services as Truant Officer,		35 00
John M. Gay, on account of John A. Block,		25 00
E. E. Kelley, on account of John A. Block,		100 84
Keith & Thompson, on account of John A. Block,		124 52
H. Y. Mitchell, on account of John A. Block,		10 70
Daniel M. Dailey, on account of John A. Block,		89 70
Paid witnesses in case of Clark *v.* Town of Easton,		33 60
Amount carried forward,		$57,030 30

Amount brought forward,		$57,030 30
Indigent soldiers' aid, Chap. 252, viz: —		
Thomas McGrath,	$96 00	
Jacob Leising,	48 00	
Willard Lothrop,	77 10	
Chas. Maguire,	72 00	
Wm. H. Keenan,	48 00	
Geo. H. Drake,	96 00	
James McCready,	72 00	
Patrick Conlan,	48 00	
Thomas Cox,	40 00	
E. W. Chamberlain,	18 00	
		615 10
State aid as follows, viz.: —		
Geo. A. Lackey,	$96 00	
Geo. N. Blanchard,	102 00	
Peter Fisher,	102 00	
John W. McDonald,	54 00	
Simeon A. Randall,	36 00	
Chas. F. Lothrop,	36 00	
James H. Leshure,	72 00	
Thomas Murray,	66 00	
Ezra G. Whittemore,	48 00	
Munroe F. Williams,	24 00	
Nelson M. Randall,	24 00	
Thomas Donahue,	44 00	
Jacob Leising,	3 00	
Harriet S. Williams,	20 00	
Eliza L. Smith,	28 00	
Charlotte A. Pope,	48 00	
Caroline F. Hill,	48 00	
Celia J. Wells,	24 00	
Amounts carried forward,	$875 00	$57,645 40

Amounts brought forward,	$875 00	$57,645 40
Amanda Drake,	48 00	
Salome Lothrop,	48 00	
Mary McEvoy,	24 00	
Mary Richards,	24 00	
Ann Haney,	48 00	
Susan E. Drew,	48 00	
Laura A. Smith,	48 00	
Mary Diamond,	48 00	
Sally A. Henrys,	48 00	
		1,259 00
Uncollected taxes,	$800 00	
Cash in treasury,	16,045 44	
		16,845 44
		$75,749 84

GEO. G. WITHINGTON,
Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

EASTON, Feb. 10, 1888.

We, the subscribers, auditors of the accounts of the town of Easton, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887, have examined the accounts of George G. Withington, its Treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched; and we further certify that the Treasurer has verified to us that the cash balance of $16,045.44, due from him to the town, is in his possession.

EDWARD N. MORSE,
GEO. W. KENNEDY,
Auditors.

CONDITION OF TREASURY, DEC. 31, 1887.

ASSETS.

Cash,	$16,845 44	
Uncollected taxes,	800 00	
Due for State aid,	1,259 00	
" " indigent soldiers' aid,	307 55	
" from city of Taunton,	24 00	
		$19,235 99

LIABILITIES.

Due warden of almshouse,	$337 50	
" Town of Stoughton,	14 75	
		352 25
Balance in favor of town,		$18,883 74

The sum of $47.15 received from A. M. Hayward, for work and gravel furnished by the Road Department, was accidentally omitted from the report of the Treasurer.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1887,	$161 09
Received from rent of halls, for lectures and other entertainments,	492 00
Received from Paul Dean Lodge, use of gasolene,	25 00
Received from Paul Dean Lodge rent of rooms as per lease,	1 00
	$679 09

EXPENDITURES.

Paid janitor,	$112 00	
" for coal,	103 87	
" for gasolene,	97 59	
" for cleaning halls,	15 75	
" for repairs on water pipes,	37 20	
" for painting outside doors and window sashes,	64 95	
" for charging fire extinguisher,	1 00	
" for window cord,	1 30	
" for chimneys,	3 00	
" for supplies,	4 78	
" for work on grounds,	5 00	
" town of Easton,	50 00	
		486 44
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1888,		$192 65

I also hold as Treasurer, the income on $2,000 bonds of the Kansas Pacific Railway Company, which were donated to the Trustees, the income of which was to be applied to insuring the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, and any balance to be applied to repairs.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1887,	$179 62
Dividends on said bonds,	120 00
Interest to Jan. 1, 1888,	10 35
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1888,	$309 97

Insurance $35,000, expires Oct. 14, 1891.

OLIVER AMES,
Treasurer.

TOWN WARRANT.

BRISTOL, ss.

To SAMUEL M. RENNIE, *Constable of the town of Easton, in the County of Bristol, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Easton, on the fifth day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles: —

1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Road Commissioners, and School Committee.

3d. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Public Statutes, Chap. 27, Sects. 74, 75, 76, and 77, in relation to Road Commissioners.

4th. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, and to see if the town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. The vote must be by separate ballot, and must be Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

5th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, town ways, and bridges for the ensuing year.

6th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay the fare on the railroad from South Easton and Easton to North Easton for such scholars as wish to attend the High School at North Easton.

8th. To see if the town will raise and apppropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to be expended under the direction of Post No. 52, G. A. R., in decorating soldiers' graves.

9th. So see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

10th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to deed a piece of land, owned by the town, to the Old Colony Railroad Company for railroad purposes.

11th. To see if the town will instruct the Road Commissioners to build a bank wall on Bridge Street, against the land of John Skelly.

12th. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of making some very much needed repairs in the old cemetery on Washington Street, near the Seaver Pratt place.

13th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new hearse for the use of the town, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

14th. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to compensate Harrison T. Mitchell for injuries to his horse, caused by a defect in the highway.

15th. To see what action the town will take with reference to changing the present investment of the permanent fund of fifty thousand dollars of Union Pacific Sinking Fund Bonds, held by it in trust under the will of Oliver Ames.

And to see whether the town will request the Trustees of the Unitarian Society to make any change in the present investment of the permanent fund of fifty thousand

dollars of similar bonds, held by them in trust for the repair of highways in the town of Easton.

16th. To see if the town will accept of the widening of Grove Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

17th. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of fifty cents for each ratable poll in the year 1887, for setting out and maintaining shade trees upon the highways.

18th. To see if the town will appropriate thirty-three dollars for curbstone for sidewalk in front of schoolhouse in District No. 1.

19th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as made out by the Selectmen.

20th. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, in the year 1888.

HIRAM WILLIAMS,
GEORGE COPELAND,
HENRY W. HEATH,
Selectmen of Easton.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the Citizens of Easton:

The annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the Road Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887, is herewith respectfully submitted.

ROAD DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND JAN. 1, 1888.

3 horses.
1 pair oxen.
4 horse carts.
1 ox cart.
1 ox wagon.
4 cart harnesses.
1 set double harness.
3 halters.
1 road roller.
1 road scraper.
1 scraper marker.
1 pennock machine.
1 snow plough.
2 ploughs.
1 stone drag.
5 gravel screens.
2 ox yokes.
1 grain box.
1 tool box.
6 feed boxes.
1 feed bag.
3 water pails.
7 lanterns.
7 lantern holders.
4 oil cans.
Lot of old iron.
Lot of derrick tools.
3 wrenches.
36 lantern globes, marked.
1 burning brand.
1 steel stamp.
2 measures.
3 tie chains.
3 large chains.
2 pair trace chains.
2 whiffletrees.
3 bush scythes.
4 snaths.

2 hose.	6 steel bars.
6 sledge hammers.	2 axes.
21 hand drills.	3 hatchets.
9 large drills.	7 forks.
2 drill spoons.	9 picks.
5 mane brushes.	4 picks and hose.
5 curry-combs.	4 rakes.
6 steel wedges.	11 shovels.

ROAD MATERIAL MOVED BY TEAMS.

Loads of gravel,	2,909
" stones,	11,656
" filling,	8,708
" crushed stone,	365
" loam,	680
	24,318

ROAD TOOL ACCOUNT.

Oliver Ames & Sons' Corporation, shovels,	$20 96
James Forgie & Son, harness,	64 60
Kennedy & Murphy, harness,	12 00
A. M. Hayward, repairs on wagons,	71 58
Parker & Wood, ploughs and yokes,	27 14
Joseph Reed, painting carts,	3 00
Old Colony R. R. Co., freight,	25
Frank Middleton, express,	50
E. T. Goward, stone drag,	35 00
	$235 03

BLACKSMITHING.

John H. Dailey,	$11 80
A. M. Hayward,	56 73
T. A. Fitzpatrick,	23 24
F. Phelan,	14 34
Oliver Ames & Sons Corporation,	9 51
	$115 62

GRAVEL BOUGHT.

John O. Dean, gravel,	$1 10
Daniel Creeden, gravel,	2 90
Howard French, gravel,	25
Guilford White, gravel,	85
Benj. Nye, gravel,	32 55
" " stone,	31 20
W. E. Drake, gravel and stone,	39 80
	$108 65

HAY BOUGHT.

J. C. Goward,	$22 48
C. A. Clark,	19 08
F. Middleton & Co.,	315 50
Estate of E. S. Howard,	6 80
L. L. Berry,	20 90
Albert Hayward, bedding,	5 40
	$390 16

GRAIN BOUGHT.

J. O. Dean & Co.,	$75 63
A. N. Grady,	141 07
J. C. Goward,	91 22
F. Middleton & Co.,	19 65
	$327 57

BRIDGE EXPENSES.

Thos. Keith, bridge stones,	$17 00
James F. Gooch, repairs on bridge,	50
Lothrop & Co., iron post, etc.,	43 03
E. R. Hayward, stringers,	18 00
Andrew Phillips, flat stones,	2 50
F. L. Ames's farm, stone and fence posts,	7 72
Benj. Nye, bridge and flat stone,	4 00
Mr. Snell, bridge stone,	2 00
J. O. Dean, plank,	26 85
F. B. Littlefield, labor and bridge railing,	4 47
C. K. Dailey, posts, railing, and labor,	31 48
Samuel Paul, lumber,	19 36
	$176 91

SUNDRIES.

A. Mack, stock and labor on railings,	$84 91
F. Middleton & Co., sundries,	31 01
E. R. Hayward, labor and material on railings,	147 85
Oliver Ames & Sons Corporation, sewer pipe,	58 50
Oliver Ames & Sons Corporation, freight on sewer pipe,	2 25
Oliver Ames & Sons Corporation, use of water power,	57 75
Oliver Ames & Sons Corporation, sundries,	4 40
Oliver Ames & Sons Corporation, store account,	23 88
A. M. Hayward, repairs,	32 43
F. B. Littlefield, oxen,	183 00
Amount carried forward,	$$625 98

Amount brought forward,	$$625 98
H. M. Clapp & Co., sewer caps,	$39 15
M. F. Whitton, rope and guys,	25 28
Dodge, Haley & Co., goods as per bill,	1 60
Expressage,	1 95
H. L. Howard, railings,	17 04
F. Maliff, rent of stable,	10 00
L. L. Berry, rent of stable,	36 00
J. C. Goward, oil,	24
Jas. M. Belcher, sawdust,	25
Geo. G. Withington & Co., medicine for horses,	90
F. C. Wade, sundries,	12 67
John O. Dean, drain pipe,	25 74
" " use of blocks, 1885–86,	2 00
" " powder and fuse,	9 38
S. D. Simpson & Sons, repairs,	5 50
John Baldwin, work and stock,	6 29
Town Farm, care of oxen, 14 weeks,	14 00
	$833 97

LABOR BY ROAD DEPARTMENT COMPANY.

L. O. Lagarde,	590	hours at	20 cents.	$118 00
" "	2,288	"	25 "	572 00
James Reddy,	2,194	"	17½ "	384 30
Dennis Coughlin,	37	"	" "	6 47
Martin Williams,	1,989	"	" "	348 45
Patrick Conlan,	4	"	" "	70
John Louden,	4	"	" "	70
John Ryan,	1,880	"	" "	328 98
Louis Lauzon,	1,250	"	" "	219 09
Peter Nolan,	2,000	"	" "	349 97
Amount carried forward,				$2,328 66

Amount brought forward,				$2,328 66
William Lordan,	2,013	hours at	17½ cents,	352 24
Andrew Lauzon,	2,047	" "	"	358 21
Patrick Murphy,	1,928	" "	"	337 38
Frank Maliff,	2,400	" "	"	419 95
Henry I. Drake,	1,748	" "	"	305 88
Chas. Coldwell,	1,101	" "	"	193 89
August Anderson,	67	" "	"	11 72
Fergus Conn,	809	" "	"	143 31
Chas. Crowell,	1,825	" "	"	323 90
John Carlsson,	1,684	" "	"	294 58
T. Albert Coldwell,	1,272	" "	"	222 41
Lars Jeppson,	687	" "	"	118 99
A. B. Anderson,	95	" 25	"	23 75
John Kalgren,	30	" 17½	"	5 25
P. M. Pearson,	10	" 20	"	2 00
				$5,442 12

LABOR OUTSIDE OF ROAD DEPARTMENT COMPANY.

A. B. Anderson, labor,	$9 90
" " wall on Pond Street,	168 16
L. G. Britton, use of horse,	30 00
Patrick Menton, labor,	24 00
G. W. Henshaw, labor,	14 70
E. B. Hayward, survey of Barrows Street,	2 50
Jas. F. Gooch, labor,	50
Herbert Wilber, labor,	7 50
John F. Dean, labor,	20 62
Edmond Lothrop, use of oxen,	25 90
F. L. Ames's farm, labor and stone,	17 76
Amount carried forward,	$321 54

Amount brought forward,	$321 54
S. B. Ripley, use of horse,	1 00
John Erwin, building wall,	61 65
Brad Snow, labor,	2 00
L. K. Wilber, use of oxen,	1 20
T. R. Marshall, labor,	5 00
F. A. Holbrook, cutting bushes,	1 00
	$393 39

RECAPITULATION.

EXPENDITURES.

Labor by Road Company,	$5,442 12
" outside Road Company,	393 39
Tool account,	235 03
Blacksmithing,	115 62
Gravel bought,	108 65
Hay bought,	390 16
Grain bought,	327 57
Bridge expenses,	176 91
Sundries,	833 97
Bills of 1886,	879 82
	$8,903 24

Road Receipts.

Income from Ames bequest,	$4,000 00
Town appropriation for repairs,	4,000 00
" " " tools,	400 00
Cash from North Easton, Village District,	20 62
Labor in removing snow from roads, 1886,	82 63
" " " " " " 1887,	52 05
Amount carried forward,	$8,555 30

Amount brought forward,		$8,555 30
Cash from J. O. Dean, credit for 1885–86, and amount unexpended in 1885,	$86 29	
From North Easton, Village District,	21 95	
Snow account of town,	55 50	
From E. N. Morse,	15 00	
J. Dearth,	4 81	
		183 55
J. C. Goward, for horse,		110 00
J. F. Goward, for oxen,		175 50
J. Gay, for gravel,		2 25
Joel S. Drake, for gravel,		2 40
Geo. C. Belcher, for bridge stone,		1 75
Frank Maliff, for keeping horse,		10 50
Old Colony R. R. Co., for work on crossings,		556 37
		$9,597 62
Balance in the hands of the Town Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1888,		$694 38

The Road Department should have been credited with the sum of $47.15, received from A. M. Hayward, for labor and material furnished him. This item was overlooked until too late to enter it upon the report.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON

FOR THE YEAR 1887.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

L. S. DRAKE. E. B. HAYWARD.
WM. L. CHAFFIN.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

WILLIAM C. BATES.

Teachers employed during the year: —

No. 1.	Janet Young.	No. 7.	Marian E. Fitton.
" 1.	Mary A. Birnie.	" 7.	Mary J. Moore.
" 2.	Mary E. Richards.	" 7.	Mary E. Patterson.
" 3.	Lottie M. Heath.	" 7.	Mary J. Reynolds.
Union.	Carrie A. Keith.	" 7.	Lizzie E. Morse.
"	Louise F. Williams.	" 7.	Grace E. Ripley.
"	John F Scully.	" 7.	Ella A. Wade.
"	Clara Hunt.	" 7.	Julia A. Reardon.
"	Myrtie A. Leonard.	" 7.	Jessie Porter.
No. 6.	Myra A. Wade.	" 7.	Frances Higginbottom.
" 6.	Edith M. Keith.	" 7.	Josie F. Barton.
High.	M. C. Lamprey.	" 7.	Nella Fobes.
"	Alice M. Merrill.	" 8.	Emma Fecto.
No. 7.	Hattie E Brooks.	" 9.	Miriam G. Dowden.
" 7.	Harriet M. Stevens.	" 10.	Jennie E. Shepardson.
" 7.	Belle Calef.	" 10.	Mary A. Stone.
" 7.	Louisa C. Young.		

J. E. Shepardson, *Music Teacher.*
Mrs. E. F. Andrews, *Teacher of Sewing.*
Helen Andrews, *Assistant Teacher of Sewing.*
F. G Keith, *Teacher in Workshop and Mechanical Drawing.*
Alice E. Barstow, *Teacher of Kindergarten.*
Nettie L. Withington, *Assistant in Kindergarten.*
Nettie M. Willey, *Teacher in School Kitchen.*

REPORT.

To the Citizens of Easton:

Your School Committee present the following report for the year 1887: —

STATISTICS.

Number of children in town May 1, 1887, between five and fifteen years of age,	810
This is a gain from the year before, of	38
Number of different scholars of all ages enrolled on the school registers in 1887,	862
Number over fifteen years of age,	67
Number under five years of age,	6
Average amount per scholar, appropriated by the towns of the State for 1886,	$11 44
Average amount per scholar, appropriated by the towns of the State in 1887,	$12 43

APPROPRIATION.

The amount necessary for the support of schools for 1888 is $10,068.30. This amount is made necessary by one of the conditions of the Oliver Ames bequest, which requires the town to appropriate the same amount per scholar as was appropriated by the towns of the State the preceding year. Our number of scholars between the ages of five and fifteen years, on May 1, 1887, was 810: and 810 x $12.43 = $10,068.30 as above.

We recommend $400 for repairs of schoolhouses, and $1,000 for text-books.

The proportionate expense of No. 7, as compared with other parts of the town, has been maintained in accordance with the second and third conditions named in the bequest, viz., as much money per scholar from the money raised by taxtion for the schools should be appropriated for the scholars at No. 7 as for the scholars in the other schools in town, and three fourths of the income of the bequest should be applied at No. 7.

The amount per scholar appropriated in 1886 was $11.44. No. 7 had 432 scholars, and the part of the appropriation for No. 7 was 432 times $11.44.	$4,942 08
Add three fourths of the income of the bequest,	3,000 00
Total that must be expended in No. 7,	$7,942 08

The expenses of No. 7 were as follows: —

Teachers' salaries in No. 7,	$6,930 24
Proportion of expense of music and drawing,	292 50
" of supplies,	490 18
Cost of fuel (estimated),	431 56
Care of school-house,	412 37
Total expense of No. 7,	$8,556 85

This amount includes the expense of the High School.

Your Committee are more and more impressed with the beneficial results to our schools, growing out of the supervision of the School Superintendent. He has devoted himself earnestly during last year to the management of the Easton schools, and the excellent effects are noticeable in many ways. We heartily commend to the attention of

the town the able report which he has prepared. It is hardly necessary that we should add much to it, but we would especially emphasize what he says in regard to attendance of scholars. He and Mr. Lamprey call attention to the great injury done to the High School by absences, and parents ought to use vigorous efforts to check this evil.

The reorganization of the High School and employment of an additional teacher, spoken of last year, has not yet been effected, but will be during the coming year. The increasing surplus in our school funds makes this a fitting time to make such a change.

The Committee, it will be seen, have placed the receipts of the dog tax to the credit of the repairs account. This is done because such receipts are not at present needed for the other school expenses.

We have caused to be inserted in the town warrant an article, to see if the town will pay for introducing water into the school-house at North Easton, and the erection of a stand-pipe therein. We took the responsibility of introducing the water, as it is needed for the boiler and for other purposes. It seems desirable to carry the water to each floor as a means of safety in case of fire, and this will be done if the town authorizes the expense.

W. L. CHAFFIN.
E. B. HAYWARD.
L. S. DRAKE.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Easton:

The Superintendent submits to you his second annual report. He makes grateful acknowledgment of the support you have given him in every effort he has made to improve the condition of the schools.

FUNDS.

In the report of the State Board of Education for the year 1886–87, there is a table giving the amount of local funds, the income of which can be appropriated only for the support of schools and academies.

In the table, the only places in the State that are credited with larger funds for the purpose above mentioned than the Town of Easton, are Andover, Ashburnham, Easthampton, and Westfield, but in each of these places there is some special private institution, to the benefit of which the income of the funds is devoted. Easton, then, stands first in the State in the amount it has of local funds, the income of which may be applied in various ways to supplement the work of the public schools.

Of what advantage are these funds?

What do we get from them?

In the first place, the amount per pupil that the town is required to appropriate is kept down to the same amount as was appropriated per pupil by the towns of the State during the preceding year. While, for the support of the public schools, the town of Wellesley, last year,

spent $31.12 for each pupil between five and fifteen years of age, Easton spent but $12.31 of the public money. This, however, with the income of the funds, was an ample provision.

Again, a course of industrial training is provided for the children at North Easton. Every boy receives a course of training in the use of wood-working tools. With the literary preparation for life's work, he is privileged to receive a training that ought to make him more able to surround himself in his home with the conveniences that a dexterous person can contrive.

Every girl has instruction in plain sewing.

The older girls have one lesson each week in the school kitchen.

The Kindergarten welcomes the little ones, and gives them a training that prepares them to make good progress in the common schools.

The course of Monday evening lectures, by the best speakers that can be secured, gives to the young people of North Easton an advantage in this line that no other place can equal.

The juvenile magazines furnished to the children of North Easton from the fund, and to the children of the other parts of the town by Governor Ames, bring their loads of good things into every home that sends pupils to the public schools.

The school kitchen began operations in October. During the summer vacation a room in the basement of the school building at North Easton was fitted for this department. The room is so arranged and supplied with utensils that the instruction given is not in the form of a lecture, but each pupil actually works, and with her own hands prepares the articles of food about which lessons are given.

Girls from the High School and from the A and B grammar classes receive instruction here, each girl having one lesson a week.

The classes are in session on every Tuesday and Wednesday, both morning and afternoon.

Fifteen girls make a class, and the exercises are about two hours long. Through the co-operation of Mr. Augustus Hemenway, of Canton, a teacher of experience was secured for the school. Miss Willey, who taught in Canton last year, now divides her time between Canton and Easton.

The instruction here given is such as cannot fail to make those who receive it more helpful at home and better prepared for the practical duties of life.

Our Kindergarten has begun its second year. The Kindergarten system is gaining ground as a factor in American education.

It works by giving the child a knowledge of things; not by filling him up with words about things. It opens the eyes of the child; he is taught to observe, and to observe accurately, the objects and combinations of objects that are placed before him.

It unties his tongue; for he is taught to describe objects, and their properties and qualities. It gives him a manual training; for in the use of the different gifts, and especially in the weaving and moulding, not a little skilful manipulation is required. It inculcates habits of neatness and politeness, and thus takes hold of the moral side of the child's nature. Children who have attended a course of Kindergarten instruction are prepared to receive much greater benefit from the instruction of the common schools.

The request of the School Board of Boston for an appropriation of $20,000 for the support of Kindergartens

during the present school year shows that the time is probably not far distant when this Kindergarten work will be established, in the larger places at least, as the first step in public-school instruction.

The above are some of the benefits that come to the school children of Easton from the bequests of Oakes and Oliver Ames. To so use these things as not to abuse them must be the constant care of all who work with and for the pupils of the public schools.

ATTENDANCE.

An effort has been made to improve the attendance. Monthly reports of attendance are sent home. If a pupil's record for the month has been perfect he receives a pink certificate, in following form : —

This Certifies that

.....

Has been neither absent nor tardy during the last month.

.....TEACHER.

Easton., Mass., ... 188 .

If the record for the month is not perfect a blank like the following is filled and sent to the father or mother of the child : —

Easton, Mass., ... *188* .

Mr. .....

.....*has been*

absent.....*times and tardy*.....*times during*

the last month.

..... *Teacher.*

In many cases these reports have had a good effect. Few people realize how cases of absence and tardiness count up, and how they militate against the welfare of the individual and the school. The monthly reminder tends to keep the number of such cases down to a minimum. The younger pupils are especially pleased to make extra effort to get the pink certificate. The case of a little girl in one of the district schools is to the point. At the end of the month she took home the white slip, on which it was stated that she had been absent once during the past four weeks. She handed it to her mother, and said, "There, mother, if you had not taken me over to Brockton to the fair, I might have brought you a nice pink paper this month."

HEATING.

At the last annual town meeting a liberal appropriation was made for an improved system of heating the large school building at North Easton. A method of heating by steam, by both indirect and direct radiation, was

adopted by the special committee having the matter in charge. During the summer vacation the furnaces were removed, and the new means of heating were introduced. Each room is furnished with registers through which fresh, warm air is introduced into the room. Except in severe weather, this indirect system furnishes sufficient heat.

Each room has also coils of pipe along the two exposed sides, and by direct radiation from these pipes, in addition to the heat introduced through the registers, there is now no difficulty in warming the rooms in even the coldest weather.

By means of steam pipes placed in the ventilating shaft, much better ventilation is secured. The air in the shafts is warmed, so that an upward current is started, and the foul air from the rooms is drawn away.

In October, when but little heat was required, that little was easily furnished and as easily regulated. In January, when the system was put to the most severe test, there was no difficulty in warming every part of the building.

The Town is to be congratulated upon the thorough manner in which the work was done, by the Walworth Manufacturing Company, under the direction of the committee, and also upon the complete success of the system.

The district schools are still poorly heated by wood stoves. These should be taken out during the summer vacation, and coal stoves should take their place. The fires should not be allowed to go out over night during the winter months.

There is no doubt that the attendance in the district schools would be much better, during the winter term, if parents knew that their children would find a warm room when they arrived at the school-house. Much more work

would be done if the morning session could begin promptly in a properly heated room. The uneven temperature, furnished by our present means of heating, is another bad feature of the system. The teacher is not employed to run fires. She goes on with her work of instruction, until, by her personal discomfort, she is reminded that the room is cold. Then she has the stove filled up, and goes on with her work again. The temperature goes up, up, up, until the teacher is actually driven from her duties to give her attention to the stove again. So the session is passed in a constantly varying temperature. Under such circumstances, it is little wonder that very many of the children are afflicted with colds and coughs.

A change from this condition of affairs will, doubtless, be heartily welcomed by all who send their children to the district schools.

PROPOSED CHANGES AT SOUTH EASTON.

The time may soon come when a graded school should be established at South Easton.

During the fall term there were sixty-nine pupils registered at this school. The average daily attendance was fifty-seven. Two teachers are employed for the work here; but, under the present arrangement, they work at a disadvantage, and the money spent for teaching is not nearly as well expended as it would be if the school could be graded. The oversight of the large number of pupils that must necessarily be in the large school-room takes time that the principal teachers ought to give to instruction. The recitation room is small and inconvenient. The passing of children from one room to the other causes confusion. The little ones need constant attention, and

should all be seated so that the teacher who has them in charge could give them suitable change of employment and introduce many of the exercises and games that belong to primary schools.

It might be possible to do good work with sixty-nine pupils, if they were all in one class, or, if they were in two classes, good work might possibly be done; but sixty-nine puplis and nine years' work make a combination that is too difficult to solve satisfactorily with the present arrangements.

The important industries located at South Easton and the opening of the new branch of the Old Colony make it probable that the village will not only hold its own but that it will grow.

A graded school would give to the children of this district the following advantages: —

With a smaller number in a room there would be more comfort and quiet.

Each class exercise could be given more time.

The whole work of the rooms would be better adapted to the age of all the pupils.

More general exercises could be introduced.

With a more distinct division of classes, the word promotion would mean more to the pupils, and an additional incentive to study would be given.

Incidentally a graded school at South Easton might be a benefit to District No. 2, as the parents of some of the older pupils of this district might desire to have their children take the longer walk, in order that, with new surroundings and larger classes, they might more successfully accomplish the work of the last two years of the common-school course.

TEACHERS.

A number of changes have occurred during the year. The new teachers are located as follows: Mr. John F. Scully teaches in the grammar and Miss Clara Hunt in the primary room at the Union. Mr. Scully is a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School. Miss Hunt trained at Canton, and taught in Canton and Mendon. Miss Edith M. Keith was appointed to teach the school at Pequonticut. Miss Keith trained at North Easton with Miss Morse. Miss Harriet M. Stevens teaches the A and B grammar grade at North Easton. Miss Stevens has taught in Rochester and Malden. Miss Louisa C. Young has the C grammar room. She has had experience in the schools of Easton; also at Willimantic. Miss Mary J. Moore, a teacher of experience from Weymouth, has the D grammar class. Miss Mary A. Stone of Easton, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School, is teaching at the school on the Bay Road. With these exceptions, we have the same teachers as last year.

Assistants are employed in the primary rooms at North Easton as follows: In the D primary, Miss Jessie Porter; in the C primary, Miss Nella Fobes; in the B primary, Miss Grace E. Ripley, and in the A primary and E grammar, Miss Frances Higginbottom. The assistants give much time and attention to those pupils who need individual help and instruction.

The building at North Easton was arranged for but one teacher in a school, so the assistants work at a disadvantage in not having suitable recitation rooms for their classes. They are to be commended for the good spirit with which they make the best of their limited accommodations.

The meetings of the teachers for the discussion of

topics connected with their daily work have been continued, and have proved to be seasons of profit. A commendable degree of interest has been shown by all, and the effect of the discussions has been immediately noticed in more vigorous work in the school-room. In these meetings Mr. Lamprey has explained the value of teachers' meetings and the need of concerted action and uniformity of teaching in the different schools in order that pupils promoted to the High School may be better able to do the same grade of work.

Mr. Frank E. Murdock, of the Bridgewater Normal School, instructed us in methods of teaching penmanship, and illustrated his talk by placing the forms on the blackboard.

Mr. A. P. Soule, superintendent of schools at Hingham, talked to us on geography, and showed that our instruction should not be confined to the dry matters of location and direction, but that the teaching of facts about plants and animals and all those things that make a locality worth remembering should be a part of the work.

Miss Reardon instructed us by an exercise in reading with a class of D primary children.

Miss Ellen E. Kelley, of Canton, showed us the result of her work in reading with a B primary class.

Miss Isabel S. Horne, of the State Normal School at Bridgewater, gave a talk on teaching reading in the higher grades.

Superintendent G. C. Fisher, of Weymouth, talked on arithmetic both in the primary and the higher grades.

The order of exercises at the last meeting was as follows: Miss Morse spoke of the use of the library; Miss Stone gave an account of a trip to Bridgewater with the older pupils of No. 10; Miss Fecto reported a teachers' meeting at Weymouth; Mr. Scully spoke of methods of

securing co-operation of the community in the teachers work; Miss Porter read from Common School Education; Superintendent B. B. Russell, of Brockton, related his experience in making the library of more help to the school.

Penmanship is the subject assigned for the next meeting. The teachers are now giving special attention to this branch, and will bring specimens of the work of their pupils to the meeting, in order that, after an inspection of the work and a comparison of methods, the time spent in discussing this subject may be so used that it will have a direct bearing on our work in Easton, and so come home with power to each one of us.

One can hardly over-estimate the good that may come from these meetings. There is always danger that the round of school duties may drift into a dull and monotonous routine. These conference meetings check this tendency. The superintendent from Brockton or Weymouth comes before us and tells how certain plans have brought about certain satisfactory results, and we gladly receive something of the same idea into our work. A teacher from one of the districts tells us of her work, and the methods by which her results are obtained. We know that what has been done in one district can be done in all, and so we are moved to attain unto that which we know can be accomplished. Yes, these occasions are a real help to the teachers, and so to the schools.

More earnestness, a more intelligent application of principles of teaching, and a better tone in the whole school work, characterize the efforts of our teachers.

Ever must it be borne in mind that it is the character of the teacher that determines the character of the school. If good order and studious attention are to be seen, these are the evidences of the character of the teacher; these

prove that there is in charge of the school a teacher who not only knows what condition of affairs she ought to have but who also has will power enough to obtain and hold such a spirit as should exist. Then how important it is that only such people as are strong should be placed in charge of our children in the public schools, for only such can have a good influence on the young. One who frets is not strong; one who is continually engaged in the discipline of the school is not strong; one who allows pupils to come late to school is not strong; one who has not cordial personal relations with pupils, one who does not get hold of the hearts of the young, is not strong; one who does not so extend his influence beyond the school into the home, that the parents are willing and eager to help aid and assist the teacher, is not strong; one who does not put all the fire and force of his being into his work while he stands before his pupils, and who does not make thoughtful preparation for his work while in the quiet of his home, is not strong.

In the more lively interest of the pupils in the preparation and recitation of their lessons, in the better care of rooms and buildings, in the pictures and adornments that have been placed upon the walls of many of the school-rooms, in the more gentle bearing and orderly conduct of the pupils, you may see evidences of increasing interest and strength in those who teach.

In what is written here it is not claimed that the Easton schools yet take a very high rank. There is still much to do. Perhaps we are on the right road and facing in the right direction. Poor attendance in the district schools is still the foe to progress. Thorough teaching in these schools is made difficult by the large number of exercises the teacher is compelled to conduct during the limited time of the school session. The long distance from the

districts to the High School and the fact that many of the older pupils will not continue beyond the common schools make it harder for the teachers to sustain the interest in the work. Nevertheless, a good word must be said for the district schools. Good teaching is done in them. There you may hear some of the best reading in town. There are classes in these schools that know how to think.

The fall meeting of the Bristol County Teachers' Association was held at Fall River, on Saturday, Oct. 22. The fact that of all the teachers and assistants but three were absent shows the earnestness with which all are seeking for improved methods. As the meeting was held on Saturday, when the teachers are exempt from school duties, and as attendance at the convention was a matter of some expense, the presence of so large a number from Easton shows unmistakably that there is in our midst that spirit that strives for better things.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The great need of the High School is more room. A chemical and physical laboratory is to-day part of every well-conducted high school. If there were suitable accomdations the work in chemistry and physiology would be done as well as the work in Greek and history. The attendance at the High School ought to be better. Social demands should not be allowed to cut into school duties. If a youth has a place in a store where he is required to work six days in the week fifty-two weeks in the year he cannot reasonably expect to hold his position if his attendance at the store is only from eighty to ninety per cent.

It is hard to see why the school should not have as faithful and constant attendance to its duties as the store exacts for its business. A large class graduated at the close of the school year in June.

The graduating exercises were held at Memorial Hall, according to the following programme : —

PROGRAMME.

Song of Greeting.	
Oration with Salutatory. — The Man who is always in Demand	Ernest L. Spooner.
Recitation. — Mona's Waters	Julia A. Proctor.
Oration. — Garrison, an Example of Moral Excellence	Lawrence P. Leach.
Recitation. — Caught by the Tide	Mabel M. White.
Oration. — The Three Requisites	Edwin Howard.
Recitation. — How Kate Shelley saved the Train	Mary W. Deane.
Music. — The Quiet Valley.	
Essay. — Joan of Arc	Katie V. Dailey.
Recitation. — The Love of Hilda	Amanda F. Berry.
Oration. — He lives in Fame who died in Virtue's Cause	J. Dwight Atwood.
Recitation. — Asleep at the Switch	Jennie E. Nelson.
Essay. — We build the Ladder by which we rise	Rosella O'Beirne.
Recitation. — King Robert of Sicily	Maude E. Howes.
Music. — Away! away!	
Oration. — Beyond the Alps lies Italy	Frank A. Leach.
Recitation. — An Order for a Picture	Lavina T. McDavitt.
Oration. — My Ideas and Some Other People's,	Mary L. Lamprey.
Recitation. — Our Hotel	Harry S. Dowden.
Class Prophecies	Annie M. Keyes.
Oration with Valedictory. — Heroes, Ancient and Modern	Robert T. Conroy.
Presentation of Diplomas.	
Music — Parting Song.	

Diplomas were awarded to : —

J. Dwight Atwood.	Edwin Howard.	Lavina T. McDavitt.
Amanda F. Berry.	Maude E. Howes.	Jennie E. Nelson.
Robert T. Conroy.	Annie M. Keyes.	Rosella O'Beirne.
Katie V. Dailey.	Mary L. Lamprey.	Julia A. Proctor.
Mary W. Deane.	Frank A. Leach.	Ernest L. Spooner.
Harry S. Dowden.	Lawrence P. Leach.	Mabel M. White.

The following report of the principal of the High School, Mr. M. C. Lamprey, is commended to your attention: —

Mr. W. C. Bates,
Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit a brief statement in regard to the High School. Allow me to preface what I have to say by calling attention to the fact that since my connection with it one hundred and twenty-three students have received diplomas, an average of more than twelve a year, all but three of whom are now living. This is a much higher average than towns of the size of ours can boast, as a rule; and whoever will take the trouble to look at the list will be satisfied that, in character and ability, as well as in numbers, our graduates will bear favorable comparison with those of similar institutions. At the outset it should be asked, What is the true purpose and function of the High School, as indeed of all public schools? Though much of our work is preparatory to special callings, this should not, it seems to me, be the controlling purpose, but rather to give such training as shall enlarge the mental horizon and lead the pupil to act on a higher plane in whatever avocation he may engage. While much is being said and written on the different theories of education, let it be remembered that we are training immortal minds for an endless existence, and that all that is truest and highest in education will continue far beyond the limits of earthly life. The citizen, the man, capable of reasoning and forming correct judgments, and ready to apply himself intelligently to any honorable work he may find to do, should be kept steadily in view. As muscular energy comes only from physical exercise, so mental acquirements can be gained only by a similar activity of the faculties of the

mind. Realizing this, it has not been the intention of the present teachers of the High School to make the work easy, but sufficiently difficult to stimulate and require earnest work on the part of the pupils. We have endeavored to keep the necessity for such work constantly before them, and have never encouraged them to expect that creditable results could be secured in any other way. But in this endeavor we need and bespeak the hearty co-operation of parents and the public generally. Few but teachers are aware how many disturbing influences exist outside of the school-room which tend to impair the work which might otherwise be accomplished. There are far too many absences and too much diversion to allow the highest kind of work. If, from any cause, the pupil is absent from the class when difficult subjects are being presented, no amount of theorizing will repair the loss he has sustained. In order to appreciate this fact, it must be remembered that much of the work done in the High School requires the development of principles not always easy of comprehension; and this is something very different from mere memorizing. The written examinations, which are held at the close of each term, are intended to be fair and impartial tests of the thoroughness of the pupil's work, and designed more to show him where he has succeeded or failed than for the teacher's satisfaction on that point. These papers are preserved, and are accessible to any parent who may wish to examine them.

One greatest need at the present time is a well-equipped physical and chemical laboratory, in which pupils can do experimental work. It should be large enough for twenty pupils, and provided with gas and water. Physics and chemistry cannot be properly taught without such a workshop, and when it is fitted up it should be with a view to permanency. In regard to the details of our work it is

needless to speak, as visitors are always welcome and can easily satisfy themselves as to its character by personal inspection. This is much better than listening to and repeating the criticisms of those who either have never seen the work of the school or are not qualified to pass judgment on its character. It was formerly a custom for parents to visit schools at least once each term, a custom which, I think, ought to be revived. Such visits, and suggestions which might be made as a consequence, could not fail to result in bringing about a better understanding between parents and teachers, and have a wholesome influence. During the past year several additions have been made to our already well-supplied cabinet. A magnificent specimen of *Meandrina cerebreformis*, brain coral, has been contributed by Mrs. J. H. Swain, an alligator's skin and several specimens of the cotton plant by Mr. J. Dows, specimens of glacial pebbles, showing fossil remains, by Mr. Ezra Lincoln of Raynham, and quartz crystals by Mr. E. R. Holbrook of Cocheset.

In this connection I wish to make a suggestion, which seems to me worthy of consideration.

Our present accomodations will soon be insufficient for this accumulating material. These specimens furnish valuable aid in teaching, and there cannot be too many of them about the school-house. Either additional cases easily accessible to teachers should be provided, or, perhaps better still, an entire room should be set apart. If such provision shall be made, I have no doubt but that contributions would continue to be in such numbers as would justify the necessary expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. LAMPREY.

COURSE OF STUDY.

A course of study for the primary and grammar schools has been prepared, and was furnished to the teachers, for their guidance, at the beginning of the fall term. The work has been divided into nine grades, of one year each, and each year's work has been indicated with sufficient distinctness.

The course, as now arranged, is on trial in all the schools. The teachers are expected to make the work of their classes conform as nearly as possible to what is outlined. An increasing uniformity of work in classes of the same grade in different schools is already the effect of a definite plan. It is proposed to revise the course at the end of the year; and, in order that the revised course may be as satisfactory as possible, the teachers from time to time make notes of points for suggestion and criticism, and these will be discussed when the time for revision comes.

A course of study is, however, but the skeleton, the framework: it prescribes the minimum amount of work. It is the duty and privilege of each teacher to take this bare outline and clothe it with all the thousand devices of her own originality.

READING.

The teacher who so instructs her pupils that they show an increasing fondness for reading is doing a grand work. School days must soon end; but every person in Massachusetts can easily, through public and private libraries, obtain good books; and if his instruction during his school life has been such that he has acquired a taste for reading, and if he has been taught something of the proper

use of books, he is fitted for ever-increasing intellectual growth and enjoyment.

Sir John Herschel says, "If I were to pray for a taste that would stand me in stead under every variety of circumstances, and be a source of happiness and cheerfulness to me through life, and a shield against its ills, however things might go amiss, and the world frown upon me, it would be a taste for reading. Give a man this taste, and the means of gratifying it, and you can hardly fail of making a happy man, unless, indeed, you put into his hands a most perverse selection of books."

The instruction in our public schools should be of such a nature that pupils will not regard the single prescribed text-book as complete and final authority upon the subjects it treats, but they should be so directed that their attention will be called to other sources of information and to other treatises on the same subject.

There is proof of the advance that has been made in school work in the fact that the time for recitation in history and geography is now no longer generally spent in propounding set questions and in receiving formal answers, but rather in talking over all the information that can be obtained from all the books that can be had.

Guidance in the use of books has become an essential part of the work of the live teacher. The use of the topical method has made it necessary that pupils be so taught that they shall not only know how to look up a topic, but they shall have the means of obtaining the information they require. A pupil who has had instruction in the use of the dictionary, who knows how to find what is in a book by an inspection of the table of contents, who knows how to use an index, who can so use a catalogue as to find what he wants if the library contains it, is thus enabled not only to understand and enjoy the

studies of his school life but has a good preparation for self-culture when school days are over.

It is a satisfaction to be able to report to you, upon the authority of the librarian, that there is an increasing use of the Ames Free Library by the children of the public schools. The Library Committee have kindly granted to each teacher the privilege of taking five books at a time for use in the schools; and there is a general desire on the part of the pupils to read and hear read the books of history, travel, and adventure so taken.

This is a great gain, for it tends to broaden the instruction of the school. It ties the school and the library together; it increases the desire of the children to enjoy the privileges of the library by taking books on their own account.

An exceedingly valuable aid to the teachers and the young people in their selection of books is the catalogue of books for children in the Ames Free Library, made by Miss Lizzie E. Morse. In this catalogue Miss Morse has with great care and good judgment made such an abridgment of the large catalogue that it is now easy for pupils to find such books as are calculated for their instruction and entertainment. The titles are arranged in two divisions. The first consists of books for the youngest children. Most of these books can be read by children between seven and ten years of age. This division contains about one hundred books. The second division contains books for older children; and in this the names of the authors are arranged alphabetically, with their works immediately following. This list contains about six hundred titles. The catalogue was printed by the Library Committee; it is furnished to the children at a nominal sum, and, like a railroad into a region rich in material, it opens up wonderful possibilities for willing workers.

Books of reference, especially in history, have been added to those already on the teachers' desks. Dictionaries have been bought, so that now every grammar pupil has, with his other books, a good school dictionary. We have also largely increased the amount and variety of the reading matter in use in the schools. A new selection excites a new interest; it furnishes new view; it takes the pupil a step farther out into the vast realms of thought. The effect of this increased supply of reading matter has been to make our pupils more able to grasp at sight the thought in a new piece.

Intelligent teaching of reading must ever aim so to train the pupils that they will show an increasing ability to seize at once the thought expressed upon the printed page.

MUSIC.

In the course of study it is required that twenty minutes each day shall be given to practice in music upon exercises assigned by Mr. Shepardson. The teachers generally live up to this requirement. At his weekly visits, Mr. Shepardson hands to each teacher a card on which the work for the following week is carefully indicated. These exercises are studied in the time assigned for music until the next visit, and then Mr. Shepardson reviews the class upon the work laid down upon the card.

If the only season devoted to study and drill in this subject is the brief period of the visit of the director of music, but little progress can be expected; but when the work of the director is supplemented by the drill of the regular teacher, when the pupils are made to see that music has its place with the other school branches, that it is not an extra or an elective, and when the teacher shows, by the hard work she does in this branch, that she values

it at its real worth, then the pupils take hold and soon learn to enjoy the use of the voice in singing. A little child learns to read, not because he has immediate need of the power to read, but as a preparation for the days when he will require the knowledge. The child studies percentage, not because he has now any occasion to apply its principles to his daily, life but because he may by and by need it, and because the training in mathematics tends to his present development. But music is peculiarly the branch of school instruction that is of present use to the child. He can sing *now;* to-day he can put in practice the lessons he has received. And who can tell of the satisfaction it shall be to him all through his life if his school training has given him such a skill with his voice and such a knowledge of music that he shall dare to join in song, and shall be able to drink in a deeper appreciation of good music!

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. BATES,
Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations for 1887,	$8,831 68
Income of Oliver Ames bequest,	4,000 00
Income of State school fund,	52 28
Tuition of out-of-town pupils,	48 00
Balance from 1886,	2,742 38
Amount available for 1887,	$15,674 34

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

M. C. Lamprey,	$1,500 00
Alice M. Merrill,	650 00
Harriet E. Brooks,	307 68
Harriet M. Stevens,	250 16
Belle Calef,	176 00
Louisa C. Young,	275 90
Marian E. Fitton,	240 00
Mary J. Moore,	192 30
Mary E. Patterson,	469 20
Mary J. Reynolds,	390 00
Lizzie E. Morse,	650 00
Ella A. Wade,	390 00
Julia A. Reardon,	390 00
Grace E. Ripley,	312 00
Jessie Porter,	273 00
Frances Higginbottom,	121 00
Nella Fobes,	189 00
Amount carried forward,	$6,776 24

Amount brought forward,	$6,776 24
Josie F. Barton,	154 00
Janet Young,	390 00
Mary A. Birnie,	290 00
Mary E. Richards,	270 00
Lottie M. Heath,	370 50
Carrie A. Keith,	276 00
Louise F. Williams,	240 00
John F. Scully,	230 78
Clara Hunt,	150 00
Myrtie A. Leonard,	125 00
Myra A. Wade,	216 00
Edith M. Keith,	135 00
Emma Fecto,	351 00
Miriam G. Dowden,	351 00
Jennie E. Shepardson,	216 00
Mary A. Stone,	135 00
J. E. Shepardson,	585 00
	$11,261 52

FUEL.

O. B. Randall, wood,	$12 00
F. F. Marshall, wood,	63 75
O. Ames & Sons, coal,	19 17
E. E. Soule, wood,	1 35
N. Gay, wood,	5 00
W. F. Randall, wood,	1 32
J. O. Dean & Co., coal,	628 19
E. B. Hayward, wood,	35
E. R. Hayward, wood,	48 50
Geo. J. Rollins, wood,	2 50
Geo. W. Rix, wood,	14 00
	$796 13

CARE AND CLEANING.

House No. 1,	$29 75
" " 2,	19 50
" " 3,	19 50
Union,	54 14
House No. 6,	30 00
" " 7,	456 54
" " 8,	16 50
" " 9,	31 25
" " 10,	34 25
	$691 43

SUPPLIES AND SUNDRIES.

A. G. Whitcomb, chairs and desks,	$22 25
Howe's Ex., express, carting, programmes,	49 90
David Martin, clocks and repairs on clocks,	15 45
J. L. Hammett, slate covers, tablets, etc.,	50 24
Carter & Karrick, paper and pencils,	44 60
Geo. F. Perry, chalk, ink, pencils, paper, pens, etc.,	266 61
F. H. Gilson, music paper,	2 20
Hooper, Lewis & Co., account books, bands, blanks,	4 35
Jordan, Marsh & Co., dusters and curtain material,	9 25
Boston School Supply Company, blackboards, slates, blank books, etc.,	86 78
B. A. Fowler, physiology charts,	70 00
Silver, Rogers & Co., music charts,	41 67
Higgins, Snow & Co., covering paper,	21 59
William C. Bates, cash paid for various supplies,	45 42
Amount carried forward,	$730 41

Amount brought forward,	$730 41
E. B. Thorndike, attendance blanks,	21 75
King & Merrill, paper and billheads,	39 35
Wm. Bense, printing course of study and blanks	38 15
Chas. H. Whiting, business forms,	3 63
L. W. Standish, printing lesson cards and advertising,	4 00
Prang Ed. Co., drawing material,	16 00
E. E. Kelley, sundry repairs and supplies,	42 25
Geo. H. DeWitt, repairs and supplies,	22 70
E. B. Hayward, cash for supplies,	3 00
Whittemore & Couch, blackboard material,	3 00
G. G. Withington & Co., thermometers and mucilage,	4 85
O. Ames & Sons, various supplies,	55 51
	$984 60

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from all sources,		$15,674 34
Teachers' salaries,	$11,261 52	
Fuel,	796 13	
Care and cleaning,	691 43	
Supplies and sundries,	984 60	
		13,733 68
Unexpended balance,		$1,940 66

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

John H. Cashman, repairing roof at No. 7,	$18 59
F. G. Keith, repairs at No. 7,	20 27
Goodrich & Cushman, work at No. 10,	4 95
Amount carried forward,	$43 81

Amount brought forward,	$43 81
Keith & Thompson, chimneys at No. 7 and No. 10,	149 65
A. A. Gooch, repairs at No. 10,	1 00
F. C. Wade, stock,	1 85
J. D. Atwood, general repairs,	237 80
E. E. Soule, repairs No. 3,	30
E. B. Hayward, general repairs,	35 21
John Baldwin, painting and setting glass,	40 00
John Ervin, cellar at No. 3,	167 75
G. H. DeWitt, general repairs,	126 86
D. S. Carpenter, repairs,	5 00
E. R. Hayward, repairs,	2 00
H. W. Heath, repairs at No. 3,	1 20
Walworth Manuf. Co., ventilation,	55 00
N. P. Soule, repairs,	5 60
O. Ames & Sons, blacksmithing, etc.,	13 77
	$886 80

SUMMARY OF REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Excess of expenditure in 1886,		$292 86
Repairs in 1887,		886 80
		$1,179 66
Appropriation for 1887,	$400 00	
Income from dog tax,	565 67	
		965 67
Excess of expenditure,		$213 99

TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.

A. C. Stockin,	$83 17
Hooper, Lewis & Co.,	3 75
Adams & Ingraham,	19 75
Educational publishing Co.,	2 80
Ginn & Co.,	114 82
New England Publishing Co.,	39 40
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,	83 00
Charles H. Whiting,	159 61
Interstate Publishing Co.,	43 34
F. M. Ambrose,	106 00
Carl Schoenhof,	19 35
D. C. Heath & Co.,	11 25
Wm. Ware & Co.,	52 42
Willard Small,	15 00
Harrison Hume,	36 58
Estes & Lauriat,	6 00
Boston School Supply Co.,	8 68
Silver, Rogers & Co.,	16 18
Prang Educational Co.,	12 00
Lee & Shepard,	26 55
Cowperthwait & Co.,	3 50
D. Appleton & Co.,	1 87
Clark & Maynard,	2 70
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	36 40
D. Lothrop,	18 00
A. Lovell & Co.,	9 00
	$931 12

SUMMARY OF TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Unexpended balance from 1886,	$72 13
Appropriation for 1887,	1,000 00
Amount available for 1887,	$1,072 13
Expended for text-books,	931 12
Unexpended balance,	$141 01
Estimated value of text-books on hand Jan. 1, 1888.	$300 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

		Children between 5 and 15 years of age, May 1, 1887.	Whole number of Pupils each Term.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Over 15.	Under 5.
High School.	Winter . .		67	63.75	56.67	89	50	
	Spring . .		61	59.33	53.17	90	49	
	Fall . . .		61	59.19	53.69	91	37	
No. 1.	Winter . .		50	44.37	38.29	87	1	
	Spring . .	69	58	54.23	48.16	89		
	Fall . . .		69	64.08	57.	89	1	
No. 2.	Winter . .		33	29.25	23.64	81		
	Spring . .	48	37	32.83	27.59	84		1
	Fall . . .		45	41.16	35.24	86	2	1
No. 3.	Winter . .		26	21.45	17.77	83		1
	Spring . .	33	31	27.23	24.38	90		1
	Fall . . .		30	25.46	21.68	85		1
Union Gram.	Winter . .		31	29.03	24.45	84	4	
	Spring . .	88	26	24.72	19.32	78	1	
	Fall . . .		31	29.5	27.09	92		
Union Prim.	Winter . .		40	36.83	31.82	86		
[illegible]	Spring . .		50	44.75	36.42	81		
	Fall . . .		42	40.44	36.33	90		
No. 6.	Winter . .		17	16.5	13.87	84		1
	Spring . .	24	21	20.17	16.08	80		1
	Fall . . .		24	21 81	19.83	91		
No. 7.	Winter . .		379	357.72	319.46	89	7	
	Spring . .	451	401	363.75	337.43	93	8	
	Fall . . .		404	376.42	338.50	90	6	
No. 8.	Winter . .		28	26.42	22.76	86	1	
	Spring . .	39	30	29.08	26 47	91	1	1
	Fall . . .		29	27.	25.27	94		1
No. 9.	Winter . .		24	22.8	21.27	93		
	Spring . .	38	31	28.8	25.47	88		
	Fall . . .		29	26.37	24.48	92		
No. 10.	Winter . .		18	17.83	14.6	82		
	Spring . .	20	18	15.14	11.23	74		
	Fall . . .		20	18.55	17.4	94		1
Totals		810	802	745.13	663.97	88	67	4

TABLE FOR No. 7.

		Children between 5 and 15 years of age, May 1, 1887.	Whole number of Pupils each Term.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Over 15.
D Primary.	Winter term		58	47.33	39.33	83	–
	Spring "		72	62.25	53.87	87	–
	Fall "		62	53.54	49.06	92	–
C Primary.	Winter "		48	45.92	42.57	93	–
	Spring "		63	59.58	55.74	94	–
	Fall "		53	49.69	44.10	89	–
B Primary.	Winter "		60	58.67	53.08	90	–
	Spring "		59	56.33	52.27	93	–
	Fall "		55	52.75	50.18	95	–
A Primary.	Winter "		49	48.08	43.67	91	–
	Spring "		52	49.33	44.93	91	–
	Fall "		50	48.75	44.15	91	–
E Grammar.	Winter "		48	46.5	41.62	89	–
	Spring "		48	45.67	40.86	89	–
	Fall "		51	48.54	42.86	89	–
D Grammar.	Winter "		40	38.33	33.58	88	–
	Spring "		38	34.5	29.62	86	1
	Fall "		49	46.0	38.82	84	–
C Grammar.	Winter "		32	31.72	27.86	88	–
	Spring "		29	28.42	24.75	87	–
	Fall "		36	32.65	28.88	88	2
A and B Gram.	Winter "		44	41.17	37.75	92	7
	Spring "		40	38.17	35.39	93	7
	Fall "		48	44.5	40.45	91	4
Totals		451	431	401.52	358.63	89	10

SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT, TARDY, NOR DISMISSED.

Those with an asterisk (*) three terms; those with a dagger (†) two terms; the rest, one term.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Frank Howard.
Ruth French.
Villa Johnson.
Lottie Mitchell.
Gertrude Smith.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Villa Johnson.
Myra Morse.
Walter Billings.
George Copeland.
Clara Morse.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Lillie Clark.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Grace M. Darley.
Maud L. Hayward.
Hattie B. Heath.
Nellie F. Millet.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Alice M. Howard.
Grace M. Dailey.
Annie G. Howard.

UNION DISTRICT.

Gertrude C. Belcher.
Carrie T. Drake.
Jennie B. Geddes.
Annie E. Hamilton.
Hattie R. Drake.
Adelbert F. Britton.†
John A. Phelan.
Carlton F. Britton.
John W. Belcher.
Fred P. Grant.
Samuel R. Ervin.
Arthur E. Wills.*
W. John Hamilton.†

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

John A. Phelan. Callie M. Belcher.†
Gertrude C. Belcher.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Arthur Tallman. Louis Tallman.
Harry Tallman.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Sadie Randall.*
Edward M. Carr.*
George W. Franklin.*
John Cox.*
Lillie Downey.*
Hilden Hanson.*
Ella Packard.†
Millie Kennedy.†
Everett Staples.†
Eddie Staples.†
Charlie Todd.†
Maggie Daley.†
Maggie Carrol.†
Michael Lynch.†
Lizzie Leach.†
Henry Wade.†
Lilla Williams.†
Arthur Tilden.
Ruby Barrows.
Lizzie Fitzgerald.
Hannah Fitzgerald.
Willie McNamara.
Maud Taber.
Willie Dows.
Joseph Sweeny.
Herbert Thompson.
John Scanlon.
Cornelius Riley.
Mary Quill.
Timothy Riordon.
Connie Harvey.
Minnie Carroll.
Winifred Slattery.
James Cunningham.
Mary Cunningham.
Eddie Scanlon.
Katie Quill.
Mary Ahearn.
Ethel Packard.
Emma Lauzon.
Edith Smith.
Maggie Stanton.
Mary Riordon.
Mary Slattery.
John Cunningham.
James Malloy.
Charlie Keith.
Lizzie Sweeny.

Frank Dows.
Mary Costello.
Lena Costello.
Dena Thoursse.
Lena Murphy.
Johnnie Mahoney.
Annie Quinn.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Ruby Barrows.†
Susie Randall.
Marion Goward.
Herbert Thompson.
Mary Murphy.
Abbie Riordan.
Harry DeWitt.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Jennie M. Taylor.*
Merton Taylor.†
Gerald Webster.
Bertie Baldwin.
Edward G. Marshall.
Aubrey Fobes.
Earle P. Marshall.
Roy Webster.
Augustus S. Canegaly.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Aubrey Fobes.†
Leola F. Brooks.
Gerald Webster.
Abbie A. Seyser.
Earle P. Marshall.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Charles Ripley.†
Clifton C. Ripley.†
Jasper Phillips.
Ernest Leonard.
Mamie Leonard.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Bessie Howard.†
Herbert Phillips.
Bertie Wade.
Robert Chapin.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Elsie Tisdale.
Maggie Murphy.

OAKES AMES BEQUEST.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from report 1886,	$2,995 98
Received from dividends,	3,500 00
" " trustees, balance of interest,	165 61
	$6,661 59

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of 19 lectures,	$871 00	
Rent of hall, for lectures,	142 50	
Teachers' salaries, including sewing,	414 02	
O. Ames & Sons Co., supplies, sewing, 1886,	5 01	
O. Ames & Sons Co., supplies, sewing, 1887,	12 50	
Kindergarten school, teachers,	951 00	
" " supplies,	32 27	
" " chairs,	14 00	
" " labor,	2 00	
" " use of piano, 15 months,	75 00	
Industrial school, teachers,	237 92	
" " supplies, 1886,	176 36	
" " supplies, 1887,	91 62	
" " labor,	44 35	
" " lumber,	171 09	
Amounts carried forward,	$3,240 64	$6,661 59

Amounts brought forward,	$3,240 64	$6,661 59
Cooking school, lumber	98 72	
" " labor,	124 79	
" " painting,	37 90	
" " sashes,	14 80	
" " kitchen supplies,	53 93	
" " crockery,	5 71	
" " cooking books, for classes,	36 00	
" " coal	5 62	
" " sundries,	3 10	
" " supplies,	12 96	
" " sink,	13 25	
Subscription to "St. Nicholas,"	358 00	
" " "Youths' Companion,"	54 50	
" " "Wide Awake,"	13 44	
" " "Our Little Ones,"	73 00	
Boston School Supply Co., globes,	6 67	
Prang Educational Co.,	1 60	
J. A. Swazey, blackboards,	12 00	
Laughton, McDonald & Co., books,	5 60	
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., books,	45 50	
The Supplement Co.,	1 50	
J. H. Lamb, books,	12 00	
H. Hume, books,	17 71	
W. I. Chase, School Herald,	18 75	
A. C. Stockin, books,	8 32	
W. Ware & Co., books,	8 34	
Howe's Express,	5 60	
Amounts carried forward,	$4,289 95	$6,661 59

Amounts brought forward,	$4,289 95	$6,661 59
A. A. Childs & Co., supplies,	5 50	
Willard Small, books,	4 50	
C. H. Whiting, books,	5 00	
J. D. Atwood, labor on blackboards,	37 81	
Silver, Rogers & Co., books,	7 50	
A. P. Gage, apparatus,	15 60	
Geo. Dewitt, labor,	4 39	
		4,370 25
Balance on hand, Jan. 1,		$2,291 34

GIFT OF MAGAZINES FROM OLIVER AMES TO SCHOLARS OUTSIDE OF DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Centuary Co., for "St. Nicholas,"	$154 00
Russell Publishing Co., for "Our Little Ones,"	36 00
Perry, Mason & Co., for "Youths' Companion,"	38 25
D. Lothrop & Co., for "Wide Awake,"	3 84
	$232 09